routine Exclusive Economic Zone surveillance also direct fishing vessels operating close to International Boundary Line to fish well within the Indian waters.

Institution facilitating girls' entry into defence forces

3667. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a letter suggesting that institutions on the lines of Sainik Schools be set up to impart education with necessary training for girls to facilitate their entry into the defence forces was received long back from Gujarat;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) by when such schools will be started; and

(d) the details of such schools with their locations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A letter was received from Minister of State Education, Women and Child Welfare, Government of Gujarat, in 1998.

(b) to (d) The proposal to open Sainik schools for girls had not been agreed as such schools are not considered necessary at this time.

Budgetary allocation for LCA engine

3668. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated in this year's budget for research and development activities of the LCA engine;

(b) by when the Kaveri Engine is going to be replaced with the US Engine; and

(c) how many tests have been conducted on Kaveri Engine, so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The total amount proposed for R&D activities of Kaveri engine during this year is Rs. 150 crore.

(b) Kaveri Engine with flight rating standard is likely to be offered for integration with the LCA by end 2002.

(c) So far, about 960 hours of ground testing in India and 45 hours of testing on simulated altitude test facilities abroad have been conducted on Kaveri engine.

Production of SRBMs by Pak

3669. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is rapidly moving towards serial production of solid propellant Short Range Ballistic Missiles (SRBMs) with Chinese assistance, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 28th February, 2001;

(b) whether in an unclassified report to the Congress, the US's Central Intelligence Agency has given the details of Pakistan's "well developed" nuclear weapon programme as well as continuing of Chinese help in its quest for deadlier missiles;

(c) whether, according to CIA's report, India still lacks engineering or production expertise in ballistic missile development; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Government have seen the news report carried in the 'Hindustan Times' dated February 28, 2001 entitled "China helpu.g Pak produce missiles: CIA". The report is based on an unclassified report of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of August 2000 to the US Congress.

(b) and (c) Government have seen the CIA's report to the US Congress. The report *inter-alia* states that "Chinese entities provided increased assistance to Pakistan's ballistic missile programme during the second half of 1999" and that "Pakistan continues to acquire nuclear related and dual use equipment and material from various sources". We have also seen CIA Director George Tenet's testimony